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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Federal Railroad Administration** 

[Docket Number FRA-2015-0041]

**Petition for Waiver of Compliance** 

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that by a document dated April 28, 2015, the Central Florida Rail Corridor (CFRC) also known as SunRail, has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from several provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations. Specifically, CFRC requests relief from certain provisions of 49 CFR part 240, Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers, and part 242, Qualification and Certification of Conductors. The request was assigned Docket Number FRA-2015-0041. The relief requested is contingent on CFRC's implementation of and participation in the Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C3RS) pilot project.

CFRC seeks to shield reporting employees and the railroad from mandatory punitive sanctions that would otherwise arise as provided in 49 CFR sections 240.117(e)(1) through (4); 240.305(a)(l) through (4) and (a)(6); 240.307; and 242.403(b), (c), (e)(l) through (4), (e)(6) through (11), (f)(l) and (2). The C3RS pilot project encourages certified operating crew members to report close calls and protect the

employees and the railroad from discipline or sanctions arising from the incidents reported per the C3RS Implementing Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU).

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov">www.regulations.gov</a> and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact FRA's docket clerk at 202-493-6030 who will provide necessary information concerning the contents of the petition.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.

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